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SUBJECT: THE EC AND PORTUGAL

1. FYI: FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER TO SECRETARY FROM  
FOREIGN MINISTER FITZGERALD DELIVERED BY IRISH AMBASSADOR  
ON MARCH 25.

2. "DEAR MR. SECRETARY: THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR  
LETTER OF MARCH 23, 1975, THE TEXT OF WHICH WAS HANDED TO  
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ME BY AMBASSADOR MOORE. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR COUR-

TESY IN KEEPING ME INFORMED AS TO THE INITIATIVE WHICH YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED YOUR AMBASSADOR IN LISBON TO TAKE IN REGARD TO THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL.

AS AMBASSADOR MOORE REQUESTED, I HAVE IN MY CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT OF THE NINE, ARRANGED THAT YOUR LETTER TO ME SHOULD BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF OUR PARTNERS. I NOTE FROM YOUR LETTER THAT YOU HAVE SENT MESSAGES IN SIMILAR TERMS TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY, FRANCE, BELGIUM AND ITALY.

WE HAD ALREADY BEGUN OVER THE WEEKEND TO CONSULT AMONG THE NINE ON THIS MATTER AND WE HAVE HAD FURTHER CONSULTATIONS SINCE RECEIPT OF YOUR LETTER. I UNDERSTAND THAT SOME OF OUR PARTNERS ARE MAKING THEIR VIEWS KNOWN ON A BILATERAL BASIS IN LISBON BUT WHILE THE NINE AS SUCH WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT A JOINT DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF THE NINE IS CONSIDERED

OPPORTUNE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

YOU WILL APPRECIATE, OF COURSE, THAT FOR US TO TAKE ANY INITIATIVE EXPRESSING CONCERN ON BEHALF OF THE NINE, I WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE ADVANCE AGREEMENT OF OUR PARTNERS.

FOR MY OWN PART, I MAY SAY THAT I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE SITUATION IN PORTUGAL AND YOUR WISH TO SEE FREE AND DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED INSTITUTIONS OF GOVERNMENT EVOLVE THERE.

I AM KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE SITUATION AND WILL ENSURE THAT YOU ARE KEPT INFORMED IF THE NINE SHOULD DECIDE TO AUTHORIZE ME TO TAKE ACTION IN THE MATTER.

WITH BEST REGARDS

DR. GARRET FITZGERALD  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS" KISSINGER

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